

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the heading and paragraphs below beginning on page 22, line 7.

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 represents the Raman spectrum of tungsten zirconia $ZW_{0.1600}$ prepared with a concentration of 0.1 M tungstic acid, then calcined at 600°C, and the Raman spectrum of the tungsten zirconia catalyst ZW_1 prepared according to the method described by E. Iglesia et al., J. Catal., 2000,194,175-187.

Figure 2 represents the evolution of the conversion of DNT (dibenzothiophene) into sulphone as a function of time with four catalysts prepared according to the invention Zr-1(20.61 % W); Zr-2 (2.14 % W); Zr-3 (5.19 % W); Zr-4 (10.17 % W).

Figure 3 represents the evolution of yield of sulphone as a function of time with two catalysts ZW_1 and Zr-1.

Figure 4 represents the evolution of conversion of DBT into sulphone as a function of time for ratio of oxidant/DBT of 1,2,4 and 10.

Figure 5 represents the evolution of the conversion of alkanes as a function of time with two catalysts $ZW_{0.25700}$ and ZW_1 . --